

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 13th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

Wednesday, October 16th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (graybee)

Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Hafleh– (singer Chadi Naddaf)

Sunday, October 20th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Second collection for Special Olympics

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Saturday, October 26th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (mamoul)

Sunday School & Teens Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Friday, November 1st-Sunday, November 3rd: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2nd: 6:00pm Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, November 3rd: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10th: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, November 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, November 17th: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Wednesday, November 20th: 7pm Liturgy for the Entrance of The Theotokos

Sunday, November 24th: Twenty third Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, December 1st: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, December 4th: Ladies Christmas Dinner (more info to follow)

Saturday, December 7th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, December 8th: Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Choir Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, December 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 15th: Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Church School Pageant & Luncheon

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, December 22nd: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Outreach

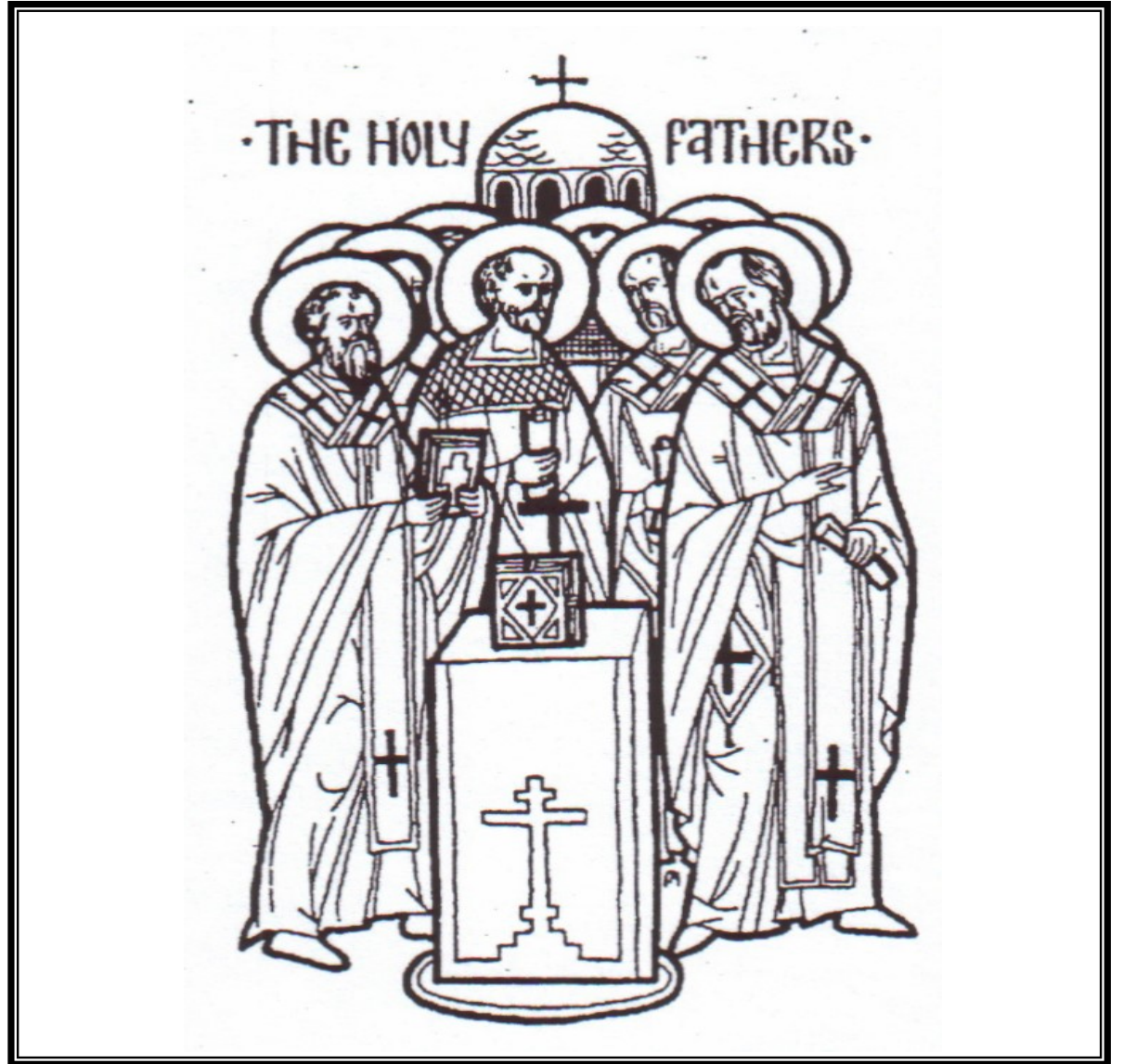
Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-

12pm

Sunday, December 29th: Sunday



after the Nativity



Sunday, October 13, 2019
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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Schedule of Services

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.
We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Co-eternal

Co-eternal: (eternal "with", or "like"). In the Creed, when we say of the second person of the Trinity, the Word of God become flesh, Christ, that he is "begotten of the Father "before all ages" means that the Son of God is co-eternal with the Father, that he shares the same eternity with him, just as he shares kingship and glory.

Patience adorns the soul with diamonds which are not of the earth, but belong to the Jerusalem that is above. Patience is a sweet word. Patience is a sweet breath. Patience is an invincible weapon. Patience is a priceless adornment of man. Patience is a blessing of God. Patience is love and obedience. Patience increases when a person takes God into account.

~ St. Raphael of Lesbos



Canned Food Drive

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day (October 16th).

Each parish collects and distributes food each year to the needy in their local community. The collections are published in "THE WORD" magazine.

*****Please bring canned foods to the
Parish Center starting Sunday, October
20th through December 31st.*****



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros and Agathonika at Pergamos.

On this day, we commemorate the Venerable Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura. This saint struggled in asceticism at the Monastery of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos of Hamatoura in Lebanon's sacred Qadisha Valley at the time of the Mameluke occupation. His heroic spiritual labors and renown soon brought him to the attention of the Mameluke authorities who, being jealous of his fame, determined to convert him from his faith in Jesus Christ to Islam. St. Jacob adamantly refused. Eventually, they dragged him with a number of monks and laymen to Tripoli, Lebanon where St. Jacob endured harsh tortures for a year, before he was beheaded and burned on October 13, 1450. This saint was almost forgotten in the course of history, due to the severe sufferings of the Church under various Moslem sultanates that both weakened Christian spiritual life and reduced Christian literacy. However, recorded encounters by the Hamatoura Monastery's pilgrims upon seeing visions of St. Jacob affirmed and authenticated his sainthood. In recent times, a forensic team determined one of the skeletal remains buried under the altar at Hamatoura Monastery to be that of St. Jacob.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Verses

*Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of all Thy saints,
O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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Tone: 8 / Eothinon: 6

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS: Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JACOB OF HAMATOURA: Tone 3

*(**Thy confession**)*

As a cedar of Lebanon thou growest, * never fearing thy death by martyrdom, * thou becamest a true victor, O Saint Jacob. * For thou didst overcome death with thy mortal flesh, * when thou didst tame all the passions by humility. * And while burning like incense, as a true sacrifice, * thou intercedeth with Christ to grant our souls the great mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

ORDINARY KONTAKION: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Offered by: Michael Baalbaki

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki

Nancy Penta & Family
Leila Trabulsi
Elaine Wilbur
Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray, Tom & David

Leila & Ray Trabulsi
Offered by: Helen & Samy Morcos

John Massiwer
Loris Pimental
Offered by: Victoria & Sharon Hammond
Shane, Davon, Kinnan & Kyden Dowie

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Vincent Penta
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

George T. Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

George Matook
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Virginia Saback Trahan
Gabriel Saback
Julia Vale
Mary David
George Matook
Joseph & Emily Ayick Saback
Stanley & Josephine Saback Kasiulewicz
Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Victoria & Sharon Hammond
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Special Olympics Awareness Day

Next Sunday, October 20, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 39th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village in August of 2020.

As an expression of gratitude for your support of this ministry, you will receive an icon of St. Genevieve, protector of Paris. In addition to the funds raised our teens travel from all over North America to serve as Special Olympic Coaches each year to bring the light and love of Christ to these Special Athletes.

*Thank you for your financial support.
Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.*

